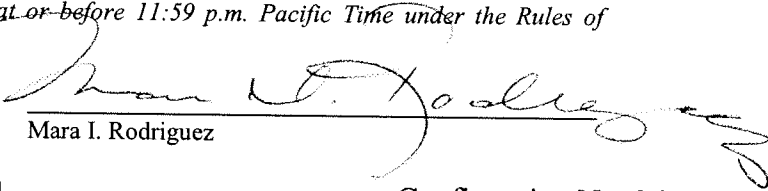


**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Confirmation No. 2637

Applicant : Lutz Biedermann, et al.  
Application No. : 10/680,706  
Filed : October 6, 2003  
Title : BONE SCREW AND BONE SCREW WITH HOLDING ELEMENT  
Grp./Div. : 3733  
Examiner : Woodall, Nicholas W.  
Docket No. : 56603/B884

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated May 31, 2007 for three month(s) from August 31, 2007 to November 30, 2007.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

| CALCULATION OF FEE  |              |              |            |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| LENGTH OF EXTENSION | SMALL ENTITY | LARGE ENTITY | FEE        |
| WITHIN FIRST MONTH  | \$ 60        | \$ 120       | \$0        |
| WITHIN SECOND MONTH | \$ 230       | \$ 460       | \$0        |
| WITHIN THIRD MONTH  | \$ 525       | \$ 1050      | \$1,050.00 |
| WITHIN FOURTH MONTH | \$ 820       | \$1640       | \$0        |
| WITHIN FIFTH MONTH  | \$1115       | \$2230       | \$0        |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No.: 03-1728 the amount of \$1,050.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

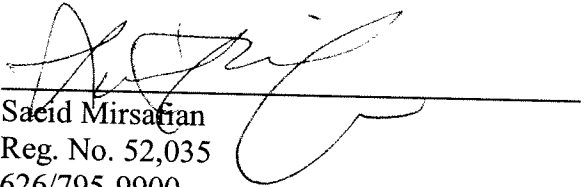
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account 03-1728.

Respectfully submitted,

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